being collected and shall be laid on the table of the House.

**Ban of Fishing in Ganges**

2705. SHRI P. M. SYEED: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a ban on fishing from Rajghat to Ramnagar in the Ganga;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there was an agitation against this ban;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Indian Embassies and High Commissions**

2706. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI:
SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries where Indian Embassy/High Commission has opened during the last one year;

(b) the number of Ambassadors/High Commissioners/Head of Missions who were posted in Indian Missions abroad;

(c) the number out of them belongs to I.F.S., I.A.S., and other Central Services;

(d) the number out of them who are non-officials;

(e) the number of them belongs to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes communities;

(f) whether any quota fixed for persons of these communities for appointment as Ambassadors or Heads of Missions; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No resident Indian Mission has been opened during last one year.

(b) At present there are 93 Heads of Missions and %3 permanent Representatives of India to the United Nations Offices.

(c) and (d). 86 belongs to IFS. There are 10 others out of whom 4 are retired officers; from IAS (2), IPS (1) and IFS (1).

(e) There are 10 Heads of Missions who belong to Scheduled Caste Communities and 6 Heads of Mission belongs to Scheduled Tribes Communities.

(f) and (g). No quota is fixed for apointment of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe officers as Head of Mission.

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**Action Plan for Development of Naxalite Affected areas in Madhya Pradesh**

2707. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has submitted any action plan to the Union Government for development of naxalite affected areas in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any Central assistance is likely to be provide to the State for the implementation of the said plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?